

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination. With this Preliminary Amendment, claim 27 is amended, new claims 52 and 53 are added and all pending claims 1-53 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

Applicant notes that the Examiner indicated in the Final Office Action that the initialed Information Disclosure Statement of April 23, 2007 was attached. However, it does not appear with the Final Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the April 23, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449.

Pursuant to the Response After Final filed July 31, 2007, Applicant reiterates those remarks and notes that the pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references.

Furthermore, new claims 52 and 53 are patentably distinct as the references do not show such a configuration.

Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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